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GENERAE CURPOSED INANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

JUN - 2 2004 Year Ended March 31, 2004

## Michigan Dept. of Treasury, Local Audit & Finance Division 496 (3-98). Formerly L-3147 AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

May 17, 2004

To the Township Board Township of Pentland Luce County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Township of Pentland, Luce County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Pentland's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Township has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets, and accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in the general purpose financial statements.

In our opinion, except that the omission of the financial statement described above results in an incomplete presentation, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Pentland, Luce County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 17, 2004, on our consideration of the Township of Pentland's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

To the Township Board Township of Pentland Luce County, Michigan May 17, 2004 Page 2

The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Pentland, Luce County, Michigan. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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## COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT A** 

<u>Assets</u>	Governmental F	Fund Types Special Revenue	Proprietary Fund Type Enterprise
Cash in bank Accounts receivable Taxes receivable Due from other funds Restricted cash in bank Utility systems Accumulated depreciation Total Assets	107 902 68 3 525 28 3 617 36 335 012 26 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2 528 25 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	45 903 41 944 61 - 47 925 00 3 857 882 00 (810 840 20)
Liabilities and Fund Equity  Liabilities:  Due to other funds  Due to other units  Accrued interest payable  Bonds payable  Total liabilities	455 00 - - - - 455 00	- - -	3 141 814 82 324 810 00 - 679 00 802 000 00
Fund equity: Contributed capital Retained earnings: Reserved Unreserved Fund balances: Unreserved: Undesignated Total fund equity	- - - - 449 602 58 - 449 602 58	- - - 2 528 25	1 127 489 00 2 054 879 49 47 925 00 (88 478 67)
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	450 057 58	··	3 141 814 82

-	Fiduciary Fund Type Agency	Total (Memorandum Only)
-	211 409 62	367 743 96
_	- - -	4 469 89 3 617 36 335 012 26 47 925 00
_	-	3 857 882 00 (810 840 20)
-	211 409 62	3 805 810 27
-		
-	10 202 26 201 207 36 -	335 012 26 201 662 36 679 00
-	211 409 62	802 000 00 1 339 353 62
•	-	2 054 879 49
	-	47 925 00 (88 478 67)
	-	452 130 83 2 466 456 65
:	211 409 62	3 805 810 27

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended March 31, 2004 **EXHIBIT B** Page 1

	Governmental	Governmental Fund Types	
	General	Special Revenue	Total (Memorandum Only)
Revenues;			
Property taxes	29 023 38		
Other taxes – swamp tax	26 334 03	-	29 023 38
State revenue sharing	167 405 79	2 507 00	26 334 03
Charges for services – PTAF	10 157 04	2 527 80	169 933 59
Interest	3 574 29	-	10 157 04
Rents	1 545 00	•••	3 574 29
Miscellaneous		₩	1 545 00
	<u> </u>		<u>160 68</u>
Total revenues	238 200 21	2 527 80	240 728 01
Expenditures:			240 / 20 01
Legislative:			
Township Board	1 873 60	-	1 873 60
General government:			107300
Supervisor Elections	10 245 60	_	10 245 60
Assessor	27 21	-	27 21
Clerk	15 596 42	-	15 596 42
	10 763 02	~	10 763 02
Board of Review	667 63	_	667 63
Treasurer	10 066 98	_	10 066 98
Building and grounds	31 534 86	_	
Unallocated	53 510 75	_	31 534 86 53 540 75
Public safety:			53 510 75
Law enforcement	2 000 00	2 539 00	4 500 00
Fire protection	67 720 05	2 009 00	4 539 00
Public works:	11 120 00	_	67 720 05
Highways and streets	94 634 77	_	04.004
Street lighting	3 328 58	-	94 634 77
Sanitation	5 660 72	-	3 328 58
Other:	0 000 12	-	5 660 72
Insurance	16 544 00		
Capital outlay	505 92	-	16 544 00
	000 32		<u>505 92</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements. -4-

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended March 31, 2004 EXHIBIT B Page 2

<b>-</b>	Governmental General	Fund Types Special Revenue	Total (Memorandum Only)
Total expenditures	<u>324 680 11</u>	2 539 00	<u>327 219 11</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over expenditures	(86 479 90)	(11 20)	(86 491 10)
Fund balances, April 1	536 082 48	2 539 45	538 621 93
Fund Balances, March 31	449 602 58	2 528 25	452 130 83

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Year Ended March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT C** Page 1

		General Fund	
Revenues:	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Property taxes	40 800 00	20,022,00	
Other taxes – swamp tax	26 236 00	29 023 38	(11 776 62
State revenue sharing	167 406 00	26 334 03	98 03
Charges for services – PTAF	107 408 00	167 405 79	(21
Interest	2 700 00	10 157 04	10 157 04
Rents	3 798 00	3 574 29	(223 71
Miscellaneous	1 545 00	1 545 00	-
	-	<u> 160 68</u>	<u>160 68</u>
Total revenues	239 785 00	238 200 21	(1 584 79)
Expenditures:			
Legislative:			
Township Board	1.075.00		
General government:	1 875 00	1 873 60	(1 40)
Supervisor	10.040.00		·
Elections	10 246 00	10 245 60	(40)
Assessor	50 00	27 21	(22 79)
Clerk	15 597 00	15 596 42	(58)
Board of Review	10 764 00	10 763 02	(98)
Treasurer	675 00	667 63	(7 <sup>37</sup> )
Building and grounds	10 067 00	10 066 98	(02)
Unallocated	31 535 00	31 534 86	(14)
Public safety:	53 658 00	53 510 75	(147 25)
Law enforcement			(
Fire protection	2 000 00	2 000 00	_
Public works:	67 721 00	67 720 05	(95)
Highways and streets	04.00=		` ,
Street lighting	94 635 00	94 634 77	(23)
Sanitation	3 330 00	3 328 58	(1 <sup>`</sup> 42 <sup>´</sup> )
Other:	5 661 00	5 660 72	(28)
Insurance	40 544 00		` ,
Capital outlay	16 544 00	16 544 00	-
	<u>506 00</u>	<u>505 92</u>	(08)

Special Revenue Funds				
Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget		
-	-	<u>-</u>		
-	_	_		
2 400 00	2 527 80	127 80		
-	-	-		
-	-	-		
-	-	-		
2 400 00	2 527 80	127 80		
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#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Year Ended March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT C** Page 2

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Total expenditures	<u>324 864 00</u>	324 680 11	(183 89)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over expenditures	(85 079 00)	(86 479 90)	(1 400 90)
Fund balances, April 1	553 000 00	536 082 48	(16 917 52)
Fund Balances, March 31	467 921 00	449 602 58	(18 318 42)

Special Revenue Funds					
Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget			
2 539 00	2 539 00				
(139 00)	(11 20)	127 80			
2 539 00	2 539 45	45			
2 400 00	2 528 25	128 25			

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS – ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES Year Ended March 31, 2004 EXHIBIT D

_		Proprietary
		Fund Types
-		Enterprise
	Operating revenues:	
	Charges for services	
	Miscellaneous	203 722 57
	Total operating revenues	11 967 20
	retail operating revenues	215 689 77
-	Operating expenses:	
	Wages	
	Benefits	42 952 80
	Supplies	3 425 47
	Utilities	4 271 34
	Repairs and maintenance	12 700 49
	Insurance	37 135 26
	Treatment costs	620 00
	Miscellaneous	25 782 22
	Total operating expenses before depreciation	<u>107 196 03</u>
	at a samily expenses perore debreciation	234 083 61
_	Operating income (loss) before depreciation	
	Less: depreciation	(18 393 84)
•		<u>(77 157 65)</u>
	Operating income (loss)	
7	1 (1033)	<u>(95 551 49)</u>
	Nonoperating income and (expense):	
_	Interest income	
	Amortization of contributed capital	1 034 41
	Interest expense	42 308 64
-	Net nonoperating income and (expense)	(37 152 50)
		6 190 55
	Net income (loss)	
		(89 360 94)
	Retained earnings, April 1	·
		48 807 27
***	Retained Earnings (Deficit), March 31	
	•	<u>(40 553 67)</u>
		<del></del>

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES EXHIBIT E Year Ended March 31, 2004

-		
_		Proprietary Fund Types
		Enterprise
-	Cash flows from operating activities:  Cash received from customers	
_	Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services Cash payments to employees for services Other operating receipts	204 569 23 (191 130 81) (42 952 80)
	Net cash provided (used) for operating activities	11 967 20 (17 547 18)
	Cash flows from non-capital and related financing activities: Increase in amounts due to other funds	
***	Net cash provided (used) for non-capital and related financing activities	<u>83 000 00</u> 83 000 00
<b>**</b>	Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:  Principal paid on revenue bond maturities  Interest paid on revenue bonds and equipment contracts	(18 000 00)
_	Net cash provided (used) for capital and related financing activities	(37 152 50) (55 152 50)
_	Cash flows from investing activities: Interest income	
	Net cash provided (used) for investing activities	1 034 41 1 034 41
_	Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	11 334 73
	Cash and cash equivalents, April 1	44 978 20
_	Cash and Cash Equivalents, March 31	93 828 41
1	Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) for operating activities:  Operating income	
_	Depreciation Increase (decrease) in assets and liabilities	(95 551 49) 77 157 65
	Net Cash Provided (Used) for Operating Activities	<u>846 66</u> (17 547 18)

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Township of Pentland, Luce County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

#### Reporting Entity

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity," the general purpose financial statements of the Township contain all the Township funds and account groups that are controlled by or dependent on the Township's executive or legislative branches.

The reporting entity is the Township of Pentland. The Township is governed by an elected Township Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Township as the primary government.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The financial activities of the local unit are recorded in separate funds, categorized and described as follows:

#### **Governmental Funds**

#### **General Fund**

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions not accounted for in another fund, including the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal distributions, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

#### Special Revenue Fund

This fund is used to account for specific governmental revenues requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

#### **Proprietary Funds**

#### **Enterprise Funds**

Enterprise Funds report operations that provide services which are financed primarily by user charges, or activities where periodic measurement of net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control or other purposes.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Fiduciary Fund

The Current Tax Collection Fund is used to account for assets held as an agent for others.

#### Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present revenues and other financing sources and, expenditures and other financial uses in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual which is both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than principal and interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized when due.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property taxes and revenues received from the State are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Proprietary fund type is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund type operating statements present revenues and expenses in net total assets. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by the proprietary fund type. Under this basis of accounting revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

#### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes and other revenue that are both measurable and available for use to finance operations are recorded as revenue when earned.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Property Taxes (continued)

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county tax rolls. The Township 2003 tax roll millage rate was .9643 mills and the taxable value was \$29,198,948.00.

#### Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets in the Enterprise Funds are depreciated using the straight line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Additions, improvements and major replacements are capitalized at cost. Maintenance, repairs and minor replacements are charged to expense as incurred.

Purchases of fixed assets for all other funds are recorded as expenditures in their respective funds at the time of purchase. The Township has not established the General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts which is required by generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at market.

#### Receivables

Receivables have been recognized for all significant amounts due to the Township. Allowances for uncollectable accounts have not been provided for in that collection is not considered doubtful and any uncollected amounts would be immaterial.

#### **Inventories**

All purchases of materials are reflected in expense when paid in all funds.

### Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

Employees are not allowed to accumulate vacation and sick pay and therefore no accumulated amount is recorded in the financial statements.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

## Note 1 – <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (continued)

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these general purpose financial statements:

- Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration.
- 2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.
- 3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
- The budgets are adopted at the activity level by a majority vote of the Township Board.
- 5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- 6. The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Township Board.
- 7. The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
- 8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- The budgeted amounts shown in these general purpose financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Township Board during the fiscal year.

#### **Encumbrances**

Encumbrances involving the current recognition of purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for future expenditures are not recorded.

#### Postemployment Benefits

The Township provides no postemployment benefits to past employees.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 2 - Legal Compliance

#### **Deficit Fund Balance**

As of March 31, 2004, the Water Fund had a deficit in unreserved retained earnings in the amount of \$39,935.35 and the Sewer Fund had a deficit in unreserved retained earnings in the amount of \$48,543.32.

Public Act 275 of 1980 requires that the Township file a deficit elimination plan with the Michigan Department of Treasury within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year for each fund that ended that year in a deficit condition. The Township has not yet filed the required plans. The Township will address the deficits and will file the deficit elimination plans shortly.

#### Note 3 - Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Township Board has designated three banks for the deposit of Township funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in all investments authorized by state law as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the cash deposits are as follows:

	Carrying <u>Amounts</u>
Total Deposits	<u>415 668 96</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 3 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

Amounts in the bank balances are without considering deposits in transit or uncleared checks.

	Bank <u>Balances</u>
Insured (FDIC) Uninsured and Uncollateralized	212 452 34 205 238 03
Total Deposits	417 690 37

The Township of Pentland did not have any investments as of March 31, 2004.

#### Note 4 - Proprietary Fund Fixed Assets

	Enterprise	
	Water Sewer	
Plant, property & equipment	2 894 258 00 963 624 00	
Less accumulated depreciation	(384 750 04) (426 090 16)	
Net	<u>2 509 507 96</u> <u>537 533 84</u>	

Proprietary Fund fixed assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives which are fifty years.

#### Note 5 - Interfund Receivables and Payables

The amounts of interfund receivables and payables are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	Interfund <u>Receivable</u>	<u>Fund</u>	Interfund Payable
General	335 012 26	Sewer Water	234 000 00 90 810 00
	***************************************	Current Tax Collection	<u>10 202 26</u>
Total	<u>335 012 26</u>	Total	335 012 26

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

### Note 6 - Sewer Revenue Bonds Payable

Date Amount Interest of Issue of Issue September 1 Ended March 31  Date Amount Interest 8/1/76 201 250 5%  March 1  Date Amount Interest March 1  Date Amount Interest March 1  Date Amount Interest March 1	Note 6 – <u>Sewer Revenue Bonds Payable</u>					
Payable Fiscal Year <u>September 1</u> <u>March 1</u> Ended March 31 Interest Pi						
Ended March 31 Interest March 1			bligation Payable	8/1/76	201 250	5%
Total		Payable Fiscal Year Ended March 31	September 1 Interest	March <sup>^</sup> Principal	1 Interest	Total
2007       1 956 25       7 750 00       2 143 75       11 787         2008       1 762 50       7 750 00       1 956 25       11 662         2009       1 568 75       7 750 00       1 568 75       10 887         2010       1 375 00       7 750 00       1 375 00       10 500         2011       1 181 25       7 750 00       1 181 25       10 112         2012       987 50       7 750 00       987 50       9 725         2013       793 75       7 750 00       987 50       9 725         2014       600 00       8 000 00       600 00       9 200 0         2015       400 00       8 000 00       400 00       8 800 0         2016       200 00       8 000 00       400 00       8 800 0		2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015	2 143 75 1 956 25 1 762 50 1 568 75 1 375 00 1 181 25 987 50 793 75 600 00 400 00	7 500 00 7 750 00 8 000 00	2 143 75 1 956 25 1 762 50 1 568 75 1 375 00 1 181 25 987 50 793 75 600 00 400 00	11 900 00 11 787 50 11 662 50 11 275 00 10 887 50 10 500 00 10 112 50 9 725 00 9 337 50 9 200 00 8 800 00 8 400 00
Totals <u>15 293 75</u> <u>93 000 00</u> <u>15 293 75</u> <u>123 587 5</u>	Also me sas	•	<u> 15 293 75</u>	93 000 00	<u>15 293 75</u>	123 587 50

### Note 7 – Water Revenue Bonds Payable

Due Date	Series 1997A	Series 1997B
July 1	Principal	Principal
2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015	10 000 00 10 000 00 10 000 00 10 000 00 10 000 00	1 000 00 1 000 00

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

### Note 7 - Water Revenue Bonds Payable (continued)

Due DateJuly 1	Series 1997A Principal	Series 1997B Principal
2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2034 2032	15 000 00 15 000 00 15 000 00 15 000 00 15 000 00 20 000 00 20 000 00 20 000 00 20 000 00	1 000 00 1 000 00 1 000 00 1 000 00 1 000 00 1 500 00 2 000 00
2036 2037	35 000 00 35 000 00	2 000 00 2 000 00
Totals	665 000 00	44 000 00

The Water Fund revenue bonds require the establishment of a bond reserve account and a capital reserve account. As of March 31, 2004, the reserve accounts are as

Account	Required Reserve	Actual Reserve	Difference
Bond Reserve	26 975 00	23 150 00	3 825 00
Capital Reserve	102 700 00	24 775 00	77 925 00

The Township of Pentland maintains that expenditures for capital items accounts for the difference in the capital reserve. - 17 -

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 8 - Deferred Compensation Plan

The Township of Pentland offers its employees two deferred compensation plans created in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, Section 457. The assets of the plans are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries. The assets may not be diverted to any other use. The administrators, Prudential and Nationwide Retirement Systems are agents of the Township of Pentland for the purposes of providing direction to the investment of the funds held in the account. The deferred compensation plan balances and activities are not reflected in the Township of Pentland's financial statements.

#### Note 9 - Pension Plan

The Township does not have a pension plan.

#### Note 10 - Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts, and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### Note 11 - Segment Information for Enterprise Funds

The Township maintains two Enterprise Funds which provide sewer and water services. Segment information for the year ended March 31, 2004, is as follows:

	Sewer Fund	Water Fund
Operating revenues	90 622 14	125 067 63
Depreciation expense	19 272 49	57 885 16
Net income (loss)	(109 028 01)	19 667 07
Contributed capital	282 859 49	1 772 020 00

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

## Note 11 - Segment Information for Enterprise Funds (continued)

	Sewer Fund	Water Fund
Operating income (loss)	(116 214 70)	20 663 21
Bonds payable	93 000 00	709 000 00
Net working capital	(217 467 67)	(79 423 31)
Total equity	234 316 17	1 780 009 65

#### Note 12 - Building Permits

The Township of Pentland does not issue building permits. Building permits are issued by the County of Luce.

## Note 13 - Total Columns on Combined Statements--Overview

The total columns on the combined financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation, because interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

_	<b></b>	- 0	
	GENERAL FUND EX	PENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT	EXHIBIT F
	Year	Ended March 31, 2004	Page 1
_			i age i
	Township Board:		
	Wages		
	-	<u></u> -	1 873 60
	Supervisor:		
_	Salary		•
,		_	<u>10 245 60</u>
	Elections:		
<b>,</b>	Supplies		
	A	<del></del>	27 21
	Assessor:		
	Wages		40.400.00
	Education and training		10 108 80
	Manatron – tax roll		130 00
_	Postage and supplies Travel		3 650 62
	rravei		1 620 60
	Clerk:		86 40 15 506 42
_	Salary		15 596 42
	Supplies		8 317 40
	Travel		2 370 62
	Have		75 00
	Board of Review:		10 763 02
	Wages		10 103 02
	Miscellaneous		601 20
	oonancogs		66 43
_	Treasurer:		667 63
	Salary – Treasurer	-	
	Salary – Deputy		6 952 80
	Supplies		2 075 40
			1 038 78
	Building and grounds:		10 066 98
<b>.</b>	Wages		· ·
	Supplies		6 291 60
	Utilities		16 113 69
5	Repairs and maintenance		1 265 23
	Miscellaneous		7 344 25
			520 09
•			31 534 86

_	GENERAL FUN	D EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT Year Ended March 31, 2004	EXHIBIT F Page 2
_	Unallocated: Audit Legal fees Administrative deputy		3 000 00 18 857 63
-	Payroll taxes Dues		25 396 21 5 505 30 751 61 53 510 75
	Law enforcement		2 000 00
-	Fire protection: Contracted services Hydrant rental		31 720 05
-	Highways and streets: Maintenance		36 000 00 67 720 05 94 634 77
_	Street lighting	<del></del>	3 328 58
_	Sanitation		5 660 72
	Insurance		16 544 00
	Capital outlay	<del></del>	505 92
-	Total Expenditures		324 680 11

## COMPARATIVE COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS March 31, 2004 and 2003 EXHIBIT G Page 1

	Sewer F 3/31/03	-und 3/31/04	Water	r Fund 3/31/04
<u>Assets</u>				3,01,01
Current assets: Cash in bank Accounts receivable Total current assets	44 978 20 967 29 45 945 49	23 951 24 510 09 24 461 33	3 515 48 823 98 4 339 46	21 952 17 434 52 22 386 69
Restricted assets: Cash in bank Total restricted assets		<u>-</u>	34 000 00 34 000 00	47 925 00 47 925 00
Fixed assets: Sewer system Water system Accumulated depreciation Net fixed assets  Total Assets	963 624 00 (406 817 67) 556 806 33 602 751 82	963 624 00 (426 090 16) 537 533 84	2 894 258 00 (326 864 88) 2 567 393 12	2 894 258 00 (384 750 04) 2 509 507 96
·	00273162	<u>561 995 17</u>	<u>2 605 732 58</u>	<u>2 579 819 65</u>

Totals		
3/31/03	3/31/04	
48 493 68	45 903 41	
1 791 27		
50 284 95	944 61	
	46 848 02	
24.000.00		
<u>34 000 00</u>	47 925 00	
34 000 00	47 925 00	
963 624 00	963 624 00	
2 894 258 00	2 894 258 00	
(733 682 55)		
3 124 199 45	(810 840 20)	
U 124 133 43	3 047 041 80	
2 200 404 40	• • • • •	
<u>3 208 484 40</u>	<u>3 141 814 82</u>	

# COMPARATIVE COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS March 31, 2004 and 2003 EXHIBIT G Page 2

	Sewer I	Sewer Fund		r Fund
	3/3/1/03	3/31/04	3/31/03	3/31/04
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<u>′</u>			
Current liabilities: Due to other funds Accrued interest payable Current portion of long-	147 000 00 679 00	234 000 00 679 00	94 810 00 -	90 810 00 -
term debt Total current liabilities	7 000 00 154 679 00	7 250 00 241 929 00	6 000 00 100 810 00	11 000 00 101 810 00
Long-term liabilities: Bonds payable Less current portion Total long-term liabilities	100 000 00 (7 000 00) 93 000 00	93 000 00 (7 250 00) 85 750 00	720 000 00 (6 000 00) 714 000 00	709 000 00 (11 000 00) 698 000 00
Fund equity: Contributed capital Retained earnings: Reserved	294 588 13	282 859 49	1 802 600 00	1 772 020 00
Unreserved (deficit) Total fund equity	60 484 69 355 072 82	(48 543 32) 234 316 17	34 000 00 (45 677 42) 1 790 922 58	47 925 00 (39 935 35) 1 780 009 65
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity =	602 751 82	561 <u>995 17</u>	2 605 732 58	2 579 819 65

	Totals		
	3/31/03	3/31/04	
-			
	241 810 00	324 810 00	
•	679 00	679 00	
	40.000.00		
	<u>13 000 00</u>	<u> 18 250 00</u>	
•	255 489 00	343 739 00	
1	820 000 00	802 000 00	
	(13 000 00)	(18 250 00)	
	807 000 00	<u>783 750 00</u>	
	2 097 188 13	2.054.070.40	
	100 10	2 054 879 49	
	34 000 00	47 925 00	
	14 807 27	(88 478 67)	
	2 145 995 40	2 014 325 82	
	3 208 484 40	2 144 044 05	
:		<u>3 141 814 82</u>	

# COMPARATIVE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS – ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS EXHIBIT H Year Ended March 31, 2004 and 2003

	Sewer Fund		Water Fund	
	Year Ended 3/31/03	Year Ended 3/31/04	Year Ended 3/31/03	Year Ended 3/31/04
Operating revenues:				
Charges for services	70.044.00	<b>-</b>		
Miscellaneous	78 944 03	78 654 94	110 183 35	125 067 6
Total operating revenues	79.044.00	11 967 20	2 000 00	
a permany revenues	78 944 03	90 622 14	112 183 35	125 067 63
Operating expenses:				
Wages	19 866 60	00 500 55		
Benefits		20 586 60	21 577 80	22 366 20
Supplies	1 530 50	1 688 71	1 660 66	1 736 76
Utilities	3 324 27	3 538 00	196 48	733 34
Repairs and maintenance	3 958 65	3 923 55	8 253 02	8 776 94
Insurance	2 713 18	28 556 33	18 569 45	8 578 93
Treatment costs	-	200 00	220 00	420 00
Miscellaneous	23 688 97	24 071 16	1 781 82	1 711 06
	1 080 00	<u>105 000 00</u>	4 718 77	
Total operating expenses		-	171011	2 196 03
before depreciation	<u>56 162 17</u>	<u>187 564 35</u>	56 978 00	46 519 26
Operating income (loss) before depreciation Less: depreciation	22 781 86 (19 272 49)	(96 942 21)	55 205 35	78 548 37
<del>-</del>	(10 212 49)	(19 272 49)	<u>(57 885 16)</u>	(57 885 16)
Operating income (loss)	3 509 37	(116 214 70)	(2 679 81)	20 663 21
Nonoperating income and (expense):				
Interest income Amortization of contributed	817 68	458 05	432 00	576 36
capital	11 728 64	11 728 64	30 580 00	20 500 00
Interest expense	(5 337 50)	(5 000 00)	(32 535 00)	30 580 00
Net nonoperating income and			102 000 001	(32 152 50)
(expense)	7 208 82	7 186 69	(1 523 00)	(000.44)
Net income (loss)		(109 028 01)	(4 202 81)	(996 14) 19 667 07
Retained earnings (deficit)		•	· · /	10 007 07
Retained earnings (deficit), April 1 —	49 766 50	60 484 69	(7 474 61)	(11 677 42)
Retained Earnings (Deficit), March 31	60 484 69			(1101142)
	00 404 09	(48 543 32)	(11 677 42)	7 989 65

	Tota	.la
-	Year Ended 3/31/03	Year Ended 3/31/04
en.	189 127 38 2 000 00	203 722 57 11 967 20
_	191 127 38	<u>215 689 77</u>
<b>-</b>	41 444 40 3 191 16	42 952 80 3 425 47
_	3 520 75 12 211 67 21 282 63	4 271 34 12 700 49 37 135 26
	220 00 25 470 79 <u>5 798 77</u>	620 00 25 782 22 107 196 03
_	113 140 17	234 083 61
-	77 987 21 (77 157 65)	(18 393 84) (77 157 65)
	829 56	(95 551 49)
-	1 249 68	1 034 41
•	42 308 64 (37 872 50)	42 308 64 (37 152 50)
•	5 685 82	6 190 55
•	6 515 38	(89 360 94)
	42 291 89	48 807 27
=	48 807 27	(40 553 67)

#### COMPARATIVE COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS Year Ended March 31, 2004 and 2003

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	Sewer F		Water	Flund
	Year Ended 3/31/03	Year Ended 3/31/04	Year Ended 3/31/03	Year Ended 3/31/04
Cash flows from operating acti	vities <sup>.</sup>			
Cash received from customer Cash payments to suppliers to	rs 79 124 14	79 112 14	110 336 79	125 457 09
goods and services  Cash payments to employees	(39 007 91)	(166 977 75)	(35 400 20)	(24 153 06)
Services Other operating receipts	(19 866 60) 	(20 586 60) 11 967 20	(21 577 80) 2 000 00	(22 366 20)
Net cash provided (used) for operating activities	20 249 63	(96 485 01)	55 358 79	78 937 83
Cash flows from non-capital and related financing activities: Increase (decrease) in amou				
due to other funds	_	87 000 00	_	(4.000.00)
Net cash provided (used) for no and related financing	ncapital			(4 000 00)
activities		<u>87 000 00</u>		(4 000 00)
Cash flows from capital and rela financing activities: Principal paid on revenue	ited			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
bond maturities Interest paid on revenue bon	(6 750 00) ds	(7 000 00)	(6 000 00)	(11 000 00)
and equipment contracts	(5 337 50)	(5 000 00)	(32 535 00)	(32 152 50)
Net cash provided (used) for car and related financing	oitai			(02 102 00)
activities	(12 087 50)	(12 000 00)	(38 535 00)	(43 152 50)
Cash flows from investing activition interest income Net cash provided (used) for	es: <u>817 68</u>	<u>458 05</u>	432 00	<u>576 36</u>
investing activities	817 68	458 <u>05</u>	432 00	<u>576 36</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash activities	8 979 81	(21 026 96)	17 255 79	32 361 69

	Tota	uls
	Year Ended 3/31/03	Year Ended 3/31/04
<b>—</b>		
	189 460 93	204 569 23
-	(74 408 11)	(191 130 81)
-	(41 444 40) 2 000 00	(42 952 80) 11 967 20
<u>-</u>	75 608 42	(17 547 18)
-		
<del>.</del>	-	<u>83 000 00</u>
•		83 000 00
•		
	(12 750 00)	(18 000 00)
<b>.</b>	(37 872 50)	(37 152 50)
· _	(50 622 50)	(55 152 50)
	1 249 68	1 034 41
	1 249 68	1 034 41
	26 235 60	11 334 73

#### COMPARATIVE COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – ALL ENTERPRISE FUNDS Year Ended March 31, 2004 and 2003

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	Sewer Fund		Water Fund	
	Year Ended 3/31/03	Year Ended 3/31/04	Year Ended 3/31/03	Year Ended 3/31/04
Cash and cash equivalents,				
April 1	<u>35 998 39</u>	<u>44 978 20</u>	20 259 69	<u>37 515 48</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents,				
March 31	<u>44 978 20</u>	<u>23 951 24</u>	<u>37 515 48</u>	69 877 17
Reconciliation of operating to provided (used) for operating	net cash			
Operating income (loss)	3 509 37	(116 214 70)	(2 679 81)	20 663 21
Depreciation Increase (decrease) in asse	19 272 49	19 272 49	57 885 16	57 885 16
and liabilities	(2 532 23)	457 20	153 44	389 46
Net Cash Provided (Used) for				
Operating Activities	<u>20 249 63</u>	(96 485 01)	<u>55 358 79</u>	78 937 83

Tota	ls
Year Ended	Year Ended
3/31/03	3/31/04
56 258 08	<u>82 493 68</u>
<u>82 493 68</u>	93 828 41
829 56	(95 551 49)
77 157 65	77 157 65
<u>(2 378 79)</u>	<u>846 66</u>
75 609 42	(47.547.40)
75 608 <u>42</u>	<u>(17 547 18)</u>

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND Year Ended March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT J** 

-	<u>Assets</u>	Balance 4/1/03 Additions	Balance Deductions 3/31/04
	Cash in bank <u>Liabilities</u>	<u>48 46</u> <u>712 984 39</u>	<u>501 623 23</u> <u>211 409 62</u>
	Due to other funds Due to other units	7 06 30 711 55 41 40 682 272 84	20 516 35 10 202 26 481 106 88 201 207 36
	Total Liabilities	<u>48 46</u> <u>712 984 39</u>	<u>501 623 23</u> <u>211 409 62</u>

# CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT K** 

Cash in bank – beginning of year	48 46
Receipts:	
Property taxes	<b>-12</b> -2
Interest	712 887 27
Total receipts	97 12
1 C. L. 1 C. C. L.	712 984 39
Total beginning balance and cash receipts	713 032 85
Disbursements:	
Township General Fund	
Luce County	20 516 35
Eastern U.P. Intermediate School District	348 118 99
Tahquamenon Area Schools	17 680 62
Total disbursements	<u>115 307 27</u>
Total disparsements	501 623 23
Cash in Bank – End of Year	
and of rour	211 409 62

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS EXHIBIT L
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May 17, 2004

To the Township Board Township of Pentland Luce County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of Township of Pentland, Luce County, Michigan, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated May 17, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Township of Pentland's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Township of Pentland's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purposes of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our study and evaluation disclosed the following condition that we believe to be a material weakness for which management believes corrective action is not practicable in the circumstances. Within the present plan of organization of the Township there is

# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS EXHIBIT L Page 2

To the Township Board Township of Pentland Luce County, Michigan May 17, 2004 Page 2

an inadequate control over cash transactions caused by an inadequate segregation of duties which is due to the limited number of office personnel employed. Such study and evaluation disclosed no conditions that we believe to be material weaknesses for which corrective action by management is practicable in the circumstances.

This report is intended for the information of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not

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LOCAL AUDIT & FINANCE DIV.

AUDIT COMMUNICATION AND

REPORT OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

May 17, 2004

To the Township Board Township of Pentland Luce County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Township of Pentland, for the year ended March 31, 2004. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

## <u>AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES</u>

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Pentland in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

To the Township Board Township of Pentland Luce County, Michigan

For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

#### **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

To the Township Board Township of Pentland Luce County, Michigan

#### **GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new reporting model for governmental units which is to be implemented over the next few years. The implementation date of this pronouncement for the Township of Pentland will begin with the year ended March 31, 2004, and will need to be implemented fully by March 31, 2005. The daily operations and recording transactions should not change significantly, however, the Township will be required to maintain additional records for the year end adjustments to the final presentation format.

## COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS/ COMPLIANCE/

Our procedures disclosed the following conditions that we would like to bring to your attention:

#### **SEGREGATION OF DUTIES**

A separation of duties between persons who authorize transactions and persons who have control over the related assets does not always exist.

The least desirable accounting system is one in which an employee is responsible for executing the transaction and then recording the transaction from its origin to its ultimate posting in the General Ledger. This increases the likelihood that intentional or unintentional errors will go undetected. In most cases, adequate segregation of duties substantially increases control over errors without duplication of effort.

We understand that due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the "cost to benefit" relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Township's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the Township's financial statements, dated March 31, 2004.

#### <u>SUMMARY</u>

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments and we would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Coupbell, Kusterer : Co., P.C.

CAMPBELL, KUSTERER & CO., P.C. Certified Public Accountants